2. Replacement of 2 Tugs - Rs. 18.20 crores Amravati and Venkat

Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)

Construction of 2nd Coal Jetty — Rs. 11.00 crores

Mormugao (Goa, Daman & Diu)

Additional barge Unloading Jetty — Rs. 7.98 crores

Bombay (Maharashtra)

1. Replacement of Lock Gate at Indira Dock — Rs. 5.72 crores

2. Replacement of Pir Pau Oil Pier — Rs. 50.24 crores

Calcutta (West Bengal)

Recession of Jiggerkhali Flat — Rs. 43.29 crores.

Funds for Road Construction Projects

2217. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State have proposed setting up of joint ventures between Government and the private sector to raise funds for financing road construction projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that alternatively a revolving fund for toll-based projects and re-deploying toll collection and other funds generated through advertisements and roadside amenities have been suggested; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Constitutionally, Government of India are responsible primarily for the National Highways. Development of roads other than the National highways is essentially the responsibility of State Governments. In 1986, Government of India had requested the State Governments to explore the possibility of private sector participation in State Road projects. No further information is available with Government of India in regard to any State setting up Joint Ventures with private sector to raise funds for financing road projects or creating a revolving fund for toll-based projects.

(c) Does not arise.

Grievances of Employees of Hindustan Shipyard Limited

2218. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have received a memorandum from a delegation of Hindustan Shipyard Limited Visakhapatnam consisting of representatives from Hindustan Shipyard Labour Union, Hindustan Shipyard Staff Association, Hindustan Shipyard Officers' Association, led by members of Parliament on the 16th December, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the grievances raised in the memorandum; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Memorandum, a request has been made for implementation of the wage revision proposal in order to boost the morale of the workers. they have also made suggestions for revival of the Shipyard such as revising the pricing formula for fixing the price of ships, waiver of customs and import duties and Sales Tax etc.

(c) A number of steps are under consideration of the Govt. for revival of the Shipyard. These include capital re-structuring, authorisation to sell vessels ordered by Shipping Corporation of India Limited in the open market, exemption from Central levies etc. The wage revision for workers, staff and officers will be implemented as soon as the revival package is finalised. however, an *ad-hoc* monthly allowance of Rs. 250 to Rs. 350 is being paid to the officers, workmen and staff alongwith the salary payable from 1.12.1991.

Abolition of Purchase Committee of DTC

2219. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation Board of Directors have abolished the four-member Purchase Committee;